



## Minnesota Housing eNews Alert

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### Community Activity Set Aside (CASA) and HOME HELP Program Updates

For CASA loans committed on or after Tuesday, August 31, borrowers will be able to receive a maximum of \$7,000 in HOME HELP entry cost assistance. CASA loans that are committed prior to Tuesday, August 31 will be able to receive up to \$10,000 in HOME HELP assistance.

### Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF) Changes

For all Minnesota Mortgage Program (MMP) loans committed on or after August 31, eligibility criteria for MMP borrowers receiving HAF entry cost assistance will be as follows:

- 60% of median income OR
- Purchasing a home in an [MMP Spotlight Area](#), which includes information on census tracts and county-specific zip codes
  - [MMP Spotlight Map - Metro Area](#)
  - [MMP Spotlight Map - Greater Minnesota](#)

The MMP targets areas are based on a combination of zip codes, census tracts and a number of factors, including:

- Low-income census tracts
- Foreclosure/REO rate
- Delinquency rate
- Unemployment rate (for the county in which the zip code is located)
- Proportion of non-prime, ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages) that have not yet reached their reset date

MMP loans committed prior to August 31 will be able to use the current HAF eligibility guidelines. HAF eligibility with the CASA program remains unchanged.

### Affordable Advantage Technical Assistance Available

Minnesota Housing now offers Affordable Advantage, a loan product that helps serve low- and moderate-income borrowers. The product has flexible terms and is one of the few 100% loan to value products available in the market. The product is based on Fannie Mae's Affordable Advantage™, an initiative developed exclusively for Housing Finance Agencies.

There will be a training Webinar on [Tuesday, September 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.](#) for lending partners who are familiar with the MMP program guidelines, and will cover program features of Affordable Advantage, including how to commit within the HDS SF Web Application.

## Questions?

Single Family Division Help Desk

651.296.8215 or 800.710.8871

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (business days)